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Town Officers, 1898=9.

Town Clerk,

CLARENCE H. BACHELER.

Treasurer,

JAMES W. WIXTEAD.

Selectmen,

FRANCISCO BOWEN, THOMAS H. MEEK,
WINFIELD S. SCHUSTER.

Overseers of Poor,

CHAS. BENNETT, W. P. WIGHT,
ORLAN F. CHASE.

Assessors,

GEORGE ABBOTT, RALPH E. ALDRICH,
CHAUNCY R. HILL.

Trustees Town Library,

WM. L. PENNELL, GEORGE H. STODDARD,
C. J. BATCHELLER, H. O. LAMSON,
JOHN U. HUBBARD, W. P. WIGHT.

Town Agent,
WILLIE MANAHAN.

School Committee,

F. F. YOUNG,
H. O. LAMSON,
W. W. BROWN,
E. E. YOUNG,

WILLIAM H. EMERSON,
VERNON T. ESTEN,
SOLOMON F. ROOT,
C. J. BATCHELLER,
M. M. LUTHER.

Constables,

MOSES BALCOME,
EDWIN P. HEATH,
GEO. M. WALLIS,

W. W. BROWN,
J. B. HOWARD,
F. F. YOUNG.

Agent Moses Wallis Devise,

WM. H. EMERSON.

Appraisers Moses Wallis Devise,

I. S. BALCOME, W. L. CHURCH, H. D. WALLIS

Auditor,

M. M. LUTHER.

Tax Collector,

E. P. HEATH.

Road Commissioner,

ARTHUR F. JONES.

List of Jurors.

TO BE ACTED ON MARCH 20, 1899.

Edgar C. Parker,
Andrew J. Thayer,
Frank Correll,
Moses H. Balcome,
Charles Bennett,
Orlan F. Chase,
Walter E. Jones,
Charles J. Batcheller,
Aaron F. Jones,
James Dermody,
Walter E. Parker,
James W. Wixtead,
Edwin Parker,

Loren A. Buffum,
William L. Church,
William Manahan,
Marvel Southwick,
Thomas H. Meek,
Chauncy R. Hill,
Francisco Bowen,
Ralph E. Aldrich,
Herbert N. Lougee,
Walter E. Carpenter,
Arthur J. Dudley,
Hammond Metcalf,

FRANCISCO BOWEN, } Selectmen
THOMAS H. MEEK, } of
W. S. SCHUSTER, } Douglas.

Warrant for Town Meeting.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the
County of Worcester, Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in East Douglas in said Douglas, on Monday, the twentieth day of March inst., at nine o'clock, in the forenoon ; then and there to act on the following articles :

Art. 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2.—To choose a Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, three Assessors, Town Agent, six Constables, Tax Collector, Agent and three Appraisers on Devise of Moses Wallis, three Fence and three Bridge Viewers, all for one year, also one Overseer of the Poor for three years, three School Committee for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, and one Road Commissioner for one year.

Art. 3.—To choose all other necessary town officers, and fill any vacancies that may appear.

Art. 4.—To vote on the question : "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors the ensuing year?" in this town.

Art. 5.—To hear the annual reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Art. 6.—To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor, of schools, for repairing school houses, repairing highways and bridges, for

paying of debts and interest and contingent expenses the ensuing year.

Art. 7.—To determine the time when poll and other taxes shall be collected.

Art. 8.—To see if the town will vote to instruct the Collector of taxes for the year 1899, to collect interest on all taxes not paid at a specified time, and to fix said time and rate of interest, and see if the town will give the Collector of taxes the same authority that a Town Treasurer has when Collector.

Art. 9.—To see if the town will accept the list of names proposed by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors the ensuing year, or amend the same by adding thereto or taking therefrom.

Art. 10.—To see if the town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Company the sum of eight dollars each for their services the ensuing year, no member to receive said sum until he has served his full year ending April first 1900, and all fines to be deducted from said amount and covered into the treasury of said company.

Art. 11.—To see what use the town will make of the Dog Fund so called, the ensuing year.

Art. 12.—To see what number the acting Superintending Committee of schools shall consist, and what their compensation shall be.

Art. 13.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Tax Collector the ensuing year for collecting taxes.

Art. 14.—To choose one or more Auditors, in accordance with Section 1, Chap. 221 of the Laws and Resolves of the year 1888.

Art. 15.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to furnish state aid to disabled soldiers and their families, and for any other purpose not included in article 6.

Art. 16.—To see if the town will authorize the Assessors to abate such taxes as in their judgment, ought to be abated, which were assessed in previous years.

Art. 17.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., for charitable purposes, under provision of Chap. 189, section 1, of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1885.

Art. 18.—To see what price the town will pay for teams and labor the ensuing year.

Art. 19.—To hear the report of all outstanding committees and act thereon.

Art. 20.—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year and payable therefrom.

Art. 21.—To see if the town will vote to use the license money if granted, to pay town notes.

Art. 22.—To see if the town will vote to prohibit the killing at all seasons of Partridge, Quail and Woodcock in the town of Douglas.

Art. 23.—To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars to make needed repairs at the Almshouse.

Art. 24.—To see if the town will vote to abate the taxes of Burton Goddard for the year 1898 as assessed to him for that year which should have been exempt from taxation under Chap. 307 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1898.

Art. 25.—To see if the town will vote to request the assessors to make a personal examination of the taxable real estate in town with a view of making a correct valuation thereof.

Art. 26.—To see if the town will vote to request the assessors to give such a description of the Non Residents and other lands in Douglas as shall comply with the Statutes.

Art. 27.—To see if the town will vote to grade the hill leading by the residence of Henry Wright and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same.

Art. 28.—To see if the town will vote to open and keep a school in District No. 4.

Art. 29.—To see if the town will vote to complete the sidewalk on Depot Street running from Walter Brown's to Depot, and raise and appropriate a sum sufficient for the same.

Art. 30.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate five hundred dollars to build a vault in which to keep the Town Records.

Art. 31.—To see if the town will vote to purchase a stone

crusher, engine and road roll, for repairing high-ways and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 32.—To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction the school-houses now unoccupied and deed the same to the purchasers before the first day of May, or act or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 33.—To see if the town will authorize the Road Commissioner to pay all laborers on the high-way by order on the Selectmen.

Art. 34.—To see if the town will vote to assent that the following named persons and their estates, at their request, may be excluded from the East Douglas District, by a majority vote of said District, at a legal meeting called for that purpose, and any others that may petition to be excluded from said District: Hammond Metcalf, Henry Gould, A. F. Brown, Alvan H. Brown, Fred Chappell, Mrs. Rebecca Fairfield, Mrs. John Chollar, Robert Brown, William Stone, Chas. S. Caswell, E. N. Jenckes, Chas. Mercier, Joseph Bowen, George A. Gleason, Francisco Bowen.

Art. 35.—To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 255 Sec. 1 and 2 of the General Statutes of the year 1878 and elect its Selectmen and Assessors one for one year, one for two years and one for three years and thereafter at each annual meeting elect one Selectman and one Assessor for three years.

The polls may close at three o'clock.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Post Office in Douglas Center. and at the School House in South Douglas, ten days, at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Fourth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

FRANCISCO BOWEN,	} Selectmen
THOMAS H. MEEK,	
W. S. SCHUSTER	
	} of
	} Douglas.

Report of Selectmen.

The Selectmen of the Town of Douglas, herewith respectfully submit their annual report of the financial affairs of the town, for the year ending March 1, 1899.

195 orders have been drawn on the town Treasurer, to the amount of \$32,418.46, for the following purposes :

Highways and Bridges.

Appropriation,	\$2,500 00	
Arthur F. Jones, Supt.		\$2,920 67

Schools.

Appropriation,	\$5,000 00	
Teachers' salaries, care of rooms, school furnishings,		\$5,634 84

Support of Poor.

Appropriation,	\$3,500 00	
Support of Poor,		\$2,625 00

State Aid, Chapter 301.

Arena Chapman,	\$48 00	
Lucina P. Sibley,	48 00	
Wellington Dore,	48 00	
Joseph T. Arnold,	48 00	

Chandler Titus,	\$37 00	
Mrs. Henry Cook,	48 00	
Laura Balcome,	48 00	
Dighton Goddard,	30 00	
Sylvester Chase,	72 00	
George Leach,	48 00	
Charles E. Green,	36 00	
Jacob Blunt,	66 00	
James Wilson,	34 00	
Sybil Andrews,	36 00	
Wellington H. Balcome,	60 00	
Simon A. Paine,	27 00	
Chas. A. Whipple,	48 00	
Alfred H. Marsh,	30 00	
William H. Marshall,	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$884 00

Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R.

Vote of Town,	\$150 00
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Fire Company.

Appropriation,		\$320 00
Treasurer Fire Co.	\$320 00	
Seth Seagraves, janitor,	12 00	
Chas. Coleback, cleaning engine hall,	1 50	
G. A. Gleason, repairs on engine,	20 00	
W. P. Wight, labor on engine,	5 00	
S. F. Root & Co., two pairs rubber boots,	12 00	
A. F. Jones, wood,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$376 50

Military Aid.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
A. F. Jones, on Nickerson case,	\$5 00	
Geo. C. Clark, medical attendance case		
Jos. Lavarie,	4 00	
F. Bowen, account Annie Knapp,	5 00	
Jos. Bowen, burial of J. Blunt,	35 00	
F. Bowen, Nickerson case,	5 00	
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Town Clerk.

C. H. Bacheler, recording, indexing and returning births, deaths, and marriages,	\$38 00	
Attending four town meetings,	10 00	
Attending town clerk's meetings,	4 00	
Express, postage, stationery, dog licenses, etc.	12 60	
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Registrars.

C. H. Bacheler, one year's services and clerk of board,	\$17 50	
Chas. Mercier, one year to May 1898,	15 00	
Edgar C. Parker, one year to May 1898,	12 00	
W. S. Schuster,	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$52 00

Election Expenses.

Moses Balcome,	\$6 00	
F. A. Place,	5 00	
W. P. Wight,	3 50	
Geo. M. Wallis,	2 50	
Frank Bowen,	8 50	
C. J. Batcheller,	6 00	
J. W. Wixtead,	5 00	
W. L. Church,	7 50	
V. T. Esten,	5 00	
Fred Chappell,	2 50	
J. M. Rawson,	2 50	
W. W. McMahon,	2 50	
Thos. H. Meek,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$59 00

Sidewalks.

Appropriation,		\$100 00
J. C. Hammond,	\$60 00	
J. C. Hammond,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

Salaries.

Oversees of Poor,		
Charles Bennett,	\$100 00 .	
W. P. Wight,	25 00	
Orlan F. Chase,	25 00—	\$150 00

Selectmen,			
Francisco Bowen,	\$33	34	
Thos. H. Meek,	33	33	
W. S. Schuster,	33	33—	\$100 00
Treasurer,			
Jas. W. Wixtead,			75 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures,			
Jas. W. Wixtead,			10 00
Purchasing Agent,			
Chas. J. Batcheller,			25 00
Truant Officer,			
Frank F. Young,			15 00
School Committee,			
Solomon F. Root,	}		
Wm. W. Brown,			
Chas. J. Batcheller,			150 00
Assessors,			
Chauncey R. Hill,	102	93	
George Abbott,	30	00	
Ralph H. Aldrich,	72	50—	204 43
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			\$730 43

Cattle Inspection.

Heath and Dermody, inspecting cattle, hogs, meat,	\$39 90
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Printing.

Town and school reports, ballots, blanks,	\$99 00	
Printing and stationery,	6 00	
Printing,	15 25	
	<hr/>	\$120 25

Sexton.

M. H. Balcome,	\$4 00
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Snow Roads.

Cost of breaking snow roads,	\$1,219 81
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School House Repairs.

Appropriation,	\$50 00	
Paid for repairs,		\$157 89

School Books and Supplies.

Appropriation,	\$300 00	
Expenses,		\$316 47

Transporting Pupils.

Appropriation,	\$75 00	
Expenses,		\$371 50

New School House.

1898.		
Apr. 8.	Clinton Wall Trunk Co.,	\$3,274 59
	C. P. Hoyt,	75 00
May 6.	Clinton Wall Trunk Co.,	1,500 00
June 4.	C. P. Hoyt,	65 00
	Clinton Wall Trunk Co.,	850 00
	Fuller & Warren Co.,	759 20
Aug. 6.	Clinton Wall Trunk Co.,	1,565 60
	C. P. Hoyt,	20 00
Sep. 3.	Blanchard Bros,	25 00
	Clinton Wall Trunk Co.,	339 23
Oct. 1.	Clinton Wall Trunk Co.,	1,100 00
	C. P. Hoyt,	25 00
	Fuller & Warren Co.,	759 20
	H. C. Van Wert,	60 00
Nov. 7.	Thos. Fenniff,	60 00
Dec. 5.	W. E. Hayward & Co.,	34 47
	C. P. Hoyt,	10 00
1899.		
Jan. 7.	Clinton Wall Trunk Co.,	3,165 58
	C. P. Hoyt,	5 00
	G. A. Gleason,	5 00
	Geo. H. Hewett,	25 00
Mar. 4.	Fuller & Warren Co.,	379 60
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		\$14,102 47

Miscellaneous.

L. J. Richards & Co., Atlas of Worcester Co.	\$17 00
Blackmer & Vaughan, council,	35 00
Burton Goddard, abatement of taxes,	27 16
I. S. Balcome, attending meeting registrars,	5 00
F. Bowen, expense selectmen and town clerk,	31 25
Mass. Safe Co., treasurer's safe,	38 55
A. J. Thayer, insurance,	29 12
W. L. Church, fighting forest fire,	4 80
A. C. Moore, survey on Bruley case,	19 25
Geo. S. Taft, council,	6 40
E. N. Jenckes, aid rendered Mrs. Kheuner,	12 00
F. Bowen, expense disinfecting,	38 85
J. C. Hammond, insurance,	152 00
Arthur F. Jones, attending fires and fencing,	9 75
Four watchman July 4,	10 00
W. L. Church, mowing cemetery lot,	7 00
Philip Bruly, damage case,	150 00
Mrs. Agarise Bruly, damage case,	200 00
Clinton Wall Trunk Co., eave troughs,	161 40
Dodge and Taft, council in Bruly case,	50 00
Repairing town clock,	25 00
Grading new school house lot,	96 30
Railroad fare and telephone expense,	10 90
Dr. P. L. Couillard, medical attendance,	10 00
Care Chas. Lawrence,	5 00
New desks for school house,	600 00
Joseph Bowen, return of forty-six deaths,	11 50
Returns of Births :	
Dr. P. L. Couillard,	2 75
S. P. Holbrook,	2 75
Paul S. Ela,	1 00
Jos. Bowen, repairs town hall,	1 00
Worcester Co. Truant School,	8 42
Attending hearing state road,	3 76
Witnesses on Libby case,	42 32
J. W. Wixtead, expenses as treas., fares, express, stationery, etc.,	44 27
Tax Inhabitants of Douglas,	33 25
E. P. Heath, posting warrants and summons,	19 00
F. F. Young, posting warrants,	7 50
John M. Rawson, superintending building,	451 40

F. Bowen, Bruly, Knapp and Libby cases,	54 48
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	\$2,435 13

Recapitulation.

Highway and bridges,	\$2,920 67
Snow roads,	1,219 81
Schools,	5,634 84
Support of Poor,	2,625 00
State aid,	884 00
Samuel Sibley Post,	150 00
Fire Company,	376 50
Military aid,	54 00
Town clerk,	64 60
Registrars,	52 00
Election expenses,	59 00
Salaries,	730 43
Cattle inspectors,	39 90
Printing,	120 25
Sexton,	4 00
New school house,	14,102 47
School house repairs,	157 89
School books and supplies,	316 47
Transporting pupils,	371 50
Sidewalks,	100 00
Miscellaneous,	2,435 13
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	\$32,418 46

We have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer, and counted the money belonging to the town, and find them correct.

FRANCISCO BOWEN,	} Selectmen
T. H. MEEK,	
W. S. SCHUSTER,	
	} of
	} Douglas.

M. M. LUTHER, Auditor.

Obtaining Town Records.

After the spring election of 1898, the town treasurer, W. E. Jones, refused to turn over the books, money and other property belonging to the town, to the newly elected treasurer

and owing to the delay in so doing, a difference of one and one-half per cent. was made in our spring loan, making it cost the town \$52.50 more in interest than it would had he promptly delivered over the property, as he should have done.

Also, the selectmen were obliged to make expense to the amount of \$66.25 to obtain the books and money and to protect the town's interest; making a total of \$118.75 of expense which would not have been necessary had the books, papers, and funds been promptly turned over to the incoming treasurer.

FRANCISCO BOWEN,	} Selectmen of Douglas.
T. H. MEEK,	
W. S. SCHUSTER,	

Treasurer's Report.

JAMES W. WIXTEAD, Treasurer.

1898.		Dr.
	Balance bank $\frac{1}{c}$, etc.	
Mar. 1.	Cash on hand,	
16.	Rec'd from M. M. Luther, Tuition $\frac{1}{c}$,	
17.	State, $\frac{1}{c}$ state paupers,	
	State, corporation tax,	
	Borrowed from school house fund,	
Apr. 2.	Rec'd from John M. Rawson, auct. lic.	
	A. A. Putnam, Justice.	
7.	E. B. Knapp, taxes '97,	
11.	Borrowed from Uxbridge Savings Bank,	
20.	Rec'd from City of Cambridge, aid Lewis F. Gary,	
June. 6.	Support state paupers,	
	Support state paupers,	
	Commissioner inspection of animals,	
	Geo. L. Dauphinee, 6th class license,	
23.	Reuben Brown, peddler's lic.	
July 1.	A. A. Putnam, Justice,	
9.	E. B. Knapp, taxes '97,	
19.	E. P. Heath, Collector '98.	
21.	" " "	
22.	" " "	
23.	" " "	

W. E. Jones, Treas.	\$7,389 23
	402 82
	15 00
	30 31
	18 28
	5,000 00
	2 00
	20 57
	200 00
	7,000 00
	15 50
	637 74
	16 00
	77 54
	1 00
	6 00
	42 26
	200 00
	641 00
	500 07
	250 68
	350 81

July	25.	Rec'd from E. P. Heath, Collector '98,	\$250 57
	26.	" " "	500 33
	28.	" " "	740 02
	29.	" " "	509 15
	30.	" " "	1,800 83
Aug.	1.	" " "	4,550 42
	3.	" " "	300 00
	6.	Walter H. Parker, license,	6 00
	12.	E. P. Heath, Collector '98,	300 00
	13.	W. H. Parker, license,	6 00
	20.	E. P. Heath, Collector '98,	400 59
	27.	" " "	215 56
Sept.	1.	" " "	400 00
	8.	A. F. Brown, auct. lic.,	2 00
	24.	E. P. Heath, Collector '98,	400 00
	30.	Philip Bruley, in part of council fees,	25 00
Oct.	1.	E. P. Heath, Collector '98,	2,233 00
	4.	A. A. Putnam, Justice,	127 18
		John Congdon, butchers lic.	1 00
		J. W. McMahon, butch. lic.	1 00
	10.	T. J. Murphy, butch. lic.	1 00
		H. W. Jones, butch. lic.	1 00
	25.	State Treas.,	347 58
Oct.	29.	E. P. Heath, Collector '98,	950 00
Nov.	4.	E. B. Knapp, Collector '97,	100 00
		E. P. Heath, Collector '98,	634 00
		Horace Martin, peddlers lic.	6 00
	18.	E. P. Heath, Collector '98,	100 00
	29.	Beulah Taylor, schooling,	5 50
	30.	N. E. R. R. Co. on Bruley case,	100 00
		C. J. Batcheller, library $\frac{a}{c}$,	64 00
Dec.	6.	E. P. Heath, Collector '98,	260 00
	10.	Corporation tax,	171 47
		National bank tax.	146 28
		State aid, Chap. 301,	836 50
		Burial indigent soldiers,	25 00
	27.	Edward A. Brown, County Treas., dog tax,	242 82
	30.	E. P. Heath, Collector, 98,	400 00
1899.			
Jan.	2.	A. A. Putnam, Justice,	19 38

Jan. 6.	Rec'd from Napoleon Lamountain, ped-		
	dlers license,	\$6	00
16.	Amable Signet, peddlers lic.	6	00
17.	John M. Rawson, cement,		85
	E. P. Heath, Collector '98,	175	00
25.	Winslow & Allen,		
	Bankers, int. on		
	\$10,000, Jan. 1,		
	to Mar. 8,	\$37	22
	Int. on \$5,000		
	Mar. to June 1,	22	78—
	State Treas., for state paup.	583	66
	State Treas., for state paup.,		
	temporary support,	5	50
	Burial state paupers,	14	50
	Income Mass. school fund,	294	43
Feb. 18.	J. M. Rawson, moving slate,	1	25
22.	E. B. Knapp, taxes '97,	100	00
24.	“ “ “	100	00
	“ “ “ '96,	100	00
	H. S. Farnum, sink and		
	hardware,	4	25
Mar. 3.	E. P. Heath, Collector 98,	550	00
4.	C. J. Batcheller, sale of books	9	40
6.	James Smith, on note,	1,000	00
6.	Interest on money in bank,	177	38
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			\$43,184 21

JAMES W. WIXTEAD, Treasurer.

JAMES W. WIXTEAD, Treasurer.

1898.			CR.
Mar. 2.	Paid A. F. Jones, overseer of poor,	\$30	31
	Orders of Selectmen, 1-195 inc.,	32,418	46
Apr. 6.	E. P. Heath, Sheriff,	51	32
7.	M. M. Luther, int. on note to		
	March 29, '98,	12	00
21.	E. Moore, int. on note to March		
	26, '98,	120	00
	E. Moore, int. on note to Apr. 29, '98,	78	00

May	3.	Paid Hannah M. Abbott, int. on note to Apr. 6, '98,	\$90 00
June	1.	Miss Alice E. Luther, library order, No. 95,	17 54
	2.	Sarah Richardson, int. on note to May 30, '98,	37 96
	4.	Lura A. Wallis, int. on note to Apr. 20, '98,	48 00
	14.	E. Moore, int. on note to June 19, '98,	30 00
		E. Moore, int. on note to May 26, '98,	42 00
July	2.	E. P. Heath, Sheriff,	28 29
Aug.	23.	E. N. Jenckes, Agt., int. on two notes, \$1,000 each, to Aug. 17, '98,	110 00
Sept	8.	Miss Alice Luther, libr'y order No. 96,	19 28
	12.	C. J. Batcheller, lib'ry order No. 97,	142 20
Oct.	4.	E. P. Heath, Sheriff,	65 49
	11.	Uxbridge Savings Bank, note and interest,	7,175 00
		C. J. Batcheller, libr'y order No. 98,	54 25
Dec.	4.	Retus Walling, int. on note to Nov. 18, '98,	65 70
	5.	Alice E. Luther, libr'y order No. 99,	16 93
	10.	E. P. Shaw, state treas., state tax,	600 00
	12.	J. C. Hammond, libr'y order No. 100,	53 20
	29.	Lavine Jones, int. note to Nov. 10, '98,	30 00
1899.			
Jan.	4.	J. B. Howard, Constable,	8 16
	4.	E. P. Heath, Sheriff,	20 72
Feb.	27.	A. F. Jones, libr'y order No. 101,	5 00
	28.	Alice E. Luther, libr'y order No. 102,	16 41
Jan.	6.	Town school house note, No. 1, \$1,000.00 and int. on 15 school house notes,	1,600 00
Feb.	28.	Abatement order assessors,	36 21
		Balances cash on hand,	161 78
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			\$43,184 21

JAMES W. WIXTEAD, Treasurer.

M. M. LUTHER, Auditor.

Assets and Liabilities.

Assets March 1, 1899.

Cash on hand,	\$161 78
Lockup and school house property,	5,000 00
Almshouse establishment,	3,000 00
Personal property at almshouse,	1,770 35
Engine building and lot,	1,350 00
Fire engine and hose,	800 00
Two safes in selectmen's room,	425 00
Road machine, scraper and tools,	331 93
New books, stationery, etc, on hand,	200 57
Due from state, acct. state aid,	884 00
support state paupers,	175 09
inspection of cattle,	39 90
other towns and cities, acct. aid rendered,	71 25
E. B. Knapp, Collector, '96 acct.,	148 32
New town hall building and lot,	2,800 00
Due from state, account burial indigent soldiers,	35 00
E. B. Knapp, Collector, '97 account,	268 30
E. P. Heath, Collector, '98 account,	726 92
New school house,	17,000 00
	\$35,188 41

Liabilities.

Note to Retus Walling Heirs,	\$1,095 00
Albert Butler Estate, two notes,	900 00
Edwin Moore, three notes,	2,500 00
M. M. Luther,	200 00
Sarah Richardson,	632 68
Wm. Abbott,	1,500 00
E. N. Jenckes, Agent,	2,000 00
Lura Wallis,	800 00
Edwin Moore,	2,000 00
Lavina S. Jones,	500 00
School house loan, 4's,	14,000 00
Due Mrs. A. K. Richardson Estate,	600 00
Note to James Smith,	1,000 00

Interest on above notes,	\$1,347 66
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	\$29,075 34

The town has borrowed during the year on its notes,	\$8,000.00
Paid Note No. 1 on new school house,	\$1,000 00
Note to Uxbridge Savings Bank,	7,000.00— 8,000 00

JAMES W. WIXTEAD, Treasurer.

M. M. LUTHER, Auditor.

Annual Report of the
Overseers of the Poor,
 For the Year Ending March 1, 1899.

CHARLES E. SIBLEY, Supt. of Almshouse.

Personal property at Almshouse, as per inventory	
March 1, 1898,	\$1,808 46
March 1, 1899,	1,770 35
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Showing a decrease of	\$38 11

We have made the Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out as follows:

	DR.
1898.	
Mar. 1. Cash in hands of Supt.,	\$64 16
April 5. Eggs, pork, and milk,	2 46
W. H. Parker, ten cords wood,	35 00
May 29. Arthur Jones, labor on highway,	15 00
June 1. Mrs. L. Bent, seventy-four qts. milk,	3 70
9. A. F. Jones, two loads stone and drawing lumber,	2 50
18. Geo. Fairfield, 54 qts. milk,	2 70
2. Arthur Jones, labor on highway,	29 25
W. H. Parker, 5 cords wood,	17 50
5. L. Bent, for mowing,	3 00
July 20. W. Brown, 19 qts. milk,	95
Aug. 9. Arthur Jones, on highway,	16 60
Sept. 3. Labor on highway,	58 50

Oct.	3.	Seven barrels of apples,	\$12 25
	25.	Jesse Sweet, moving mill,	4 00
Nov.	10.	Mrs. C. Hilton, bbl. cabbage,	1 00
	12.	L. Bent, two bu. turnips,	1 00
	14.	J. Mills, one bu. turnips,	50
		Will Jillson, fifty lbs. cabbage,	50
		One-half bu. turnips,	25
		Three bu. turnips,	1 50
		W. R. Wallis, 2,388 ft. pine plank,	35 83
Dec.	27.	L. Bent, one pig,	2 25
		Mrs. Rogers, one hundred and fifty lbs.	
1899.		beef,	10 50
Jan.	7.	L. Bent, one pig,	2 25
	14.	Arthur Jones, highways,	10 00
	17.	L. Bent, one bu. turnips,	50
		Twenty-five lbs. straw,	25
	18.	Mr. Ring, pig,	3 50
		J. M. Rawson, drawing stone,	2 50
		Services of bull,	5 00
		Old wagon body,	5 00
		John Congdon, farm produce,	24 22
	28.	John Bates, two pigs,	6 00
		William Brown, labor with team,	3 50
		Cash received of Chas. Hilton,	1 90
		Attending funerals,	2 00
		Arthur Jones, highways,	15 80

\$403 32

1898.			Cr.
Mar.	5.	John Bates, for cutting lumber,	\$18 00
		Tobacco for Peter, Arnold and Green,	1 45
	21.	John Walling,	50
	23.	W. E. Jones, snaps and dipper,	25
		Repairing Green's shoes,	60
	30.	Spade and fork,	65
	31.	A. J. Dudley, five gals. oil,	65
Apr.	2.	Repairing tea kettle,	20
	5.	Medicine for Mrs. Conley,	1 00
		Spoons,	35
		Phil Manning, for spices,	50
	7.	Filing saws,	40
	18.	Box of soap,	5 00

Apr.	13.	Step ladder and hook,	\$1 75
	19.	Walter Buxton, for labor,	7 00
	21.	Radish grater,	10
		Stove blacking,	25
	30.	C. P. Brown, repairing harness,	2 05
May	1.	Mrs. S. Russell, medicine,	1 20
		Mrs. Rogers, ten washings,	10 00
	9.	Cough syrup, for Mrs. Conley,	25
		Mrs. Rogers, house cleaning,	11 00
	29.	W. Brown, tomato plants,	85
		Mrs. Thompson, sewing for Mrs. Conley,	2 00
June	4.	Seven weeks labor,	15 00
		Place, for planting corn,	2 50
	9.	G. Dudley, for bread,	1 25
		Fred Linburg, for whitewashing,	1 75
		Two shirts for Charles St. Martin,	1 00
	31.	Tobacco for Green,	1 00
July	1.	W. Brown, strawberries,	2 50
		Medicine for poor,	2 00
July	23.	Peoples Store, groceries,	4 34
Aug.	8.	Eight weeks labor for Tim Murphy,	35 50
	13.	John Wellman, repairing Green's shoes,	60
Sept.	19.	One week labor,	8 00
		I. T. Johnson, ice,	45
	24.	F. J. Mills, bread,	21 75
Oct.	1.	Mrs. Rogers, twenty-one washings,	21 00
	5.	L. Bent, stove,	1 00
	19.	Medicine for poor,	5 00
	25.	All. Keith, one months labor,	12 00
		Suel Chase, for making cider,	3 84
Nov.	14.	Mrs. Rogers, seven washing,	7 00
	25.	Edgar Parker, butchering two hogs,	1 00
Dec.	17.	George Bent, chopping,	17 00
	24.	Aldrich, grinding corn,	75
		W. R. Wallis, supplies,	27 05
Jan.	7.	Fish acct. to Jan. 1,	15 77
		Charles Brown, repairing harness,	2 75
		Harness oil,	1 25
	17.	Aldrich, grinding corn,	80
	20.	A. J. Dudley, for bolts and washers,	15
Feb.	3.	Aldrich, grinding,	53
	10.	Medicine for Mrs. Conley,	1 25

	Labor cutting ice,	\$4 00
Feb. 18.	Pair of plow handles and freight bill,	1 50
	One hundred ft. fuse,	50
22.	Zara Parker, pasturing two heifers,	5 90
	E. C. Parker, stacking 18000 ft. lumber,	7 00
27.	Mrs. Rogers, sixteen washings and four hours labor,	16 40
28.	George Bent, three week's work,	12 00
	George Dauphinee, medicine for poor,	5 20
	Rum, arnica and opium,	1 75
	Tom Murphy, meat account,	16 35
	John Condon, meat,	24 22

\$376 60

Cash on hand, 26 72

\$403 32

Due the Supt. from J. B. Sweet, 36 91

The Overseers have paid the following bills on town farm
account,

1898.

Mar. 17.	Tom Murphy, meat,	\$8 50
April 7.	Guy Balcome, laying shingles,	5 62
9.	Dr. Sterling, medical aid to Mrs. Jones,	1 50
12.	Paid C. J. Sibley, salary,	75 00
22.	F. M. Chappell, ten bu. potatoes,	12 00
May 20.	W. W. Brown, fertilizer,	37 50
27.	E. C. Parker, for bull,	20 00
June 4.	P. O. Putnam, sawing lumber,	35 00
7.	A. J. Dudley, bread,	15 51
July 1.	C. J. Sibley, salary,	75 00
Aug. 2.	T. J. Murphy, meat,	7 79
Sept. 3.	Paid Root & Wixtead, on store acct.,	100 00
	E. N. Jenckes, on store acct.,	100 00
13.	Mrs. Sterling, for medical attendance,	4 70
	Orlan Chase, for cow,	35 00
Oct. 1.	C. J. Sibley, salary,	75 00
Nov. 5.	John Condon, on meat acct.,	50 00
Dec. 1.	E. C. Parker, fertilizer,	28 00
June 21.	Dr. Holbrook, medicine for Green,	3 00
Dec. 8.	Mrs. Conley,	4 50

1899.

Jan. 1.	C. J. Sibley, salary,	\$75 00
10.	Frank Mills, baker,	14 85
18.	Funeral expense for Mrs. Conley,	4 50
28.	Frank Mills, baker,	8 20
	A. J. Dudley, for groceries,	13 25
	Herbert Logee, blacksmithing,	26 41
	Walter Jones, hardware,	17 75
	Root & Wixtead, groceries,	146 97
	E. N. Jenckes, groceries,	105 14
	John W. McMahon & Co., meat,	27 72
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		\$1,143 91

Summary.

Charles E. Sibley, has paid for Supplies as per report,	\$376 60
The Overseers have paid as per this report,	1,143 91
Supt. has received for labor, produce, etc. \$403 32	
Decrease of personal property at almshouse, 38 11	
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	1,520 51
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	365 21
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Cost for support of poor at almshouse,	\$1,155 30
Number of weeks board of poor,	334
Cost per week,	\$3 45

Inmates at almshouse,	Age,	Weeks Board.
Ira Arnold,	45	3
Peter Signett,		4
Nancy Jones,	75	52
Rhoda Hill,	85	52
Ellen Thayer,	40	52
Charles St. Martin,	23	52
Presarved Green,	85	52
Kennedy Brunnock,		15
Rosina Conley,	83	50
Tramps fed,		2—334

Outside Poor.

Julius Gould,	\$156 50
Sylvia Wakefield,	60 00

Mrs. George Casey,	\$48 00	
Joseph Jenney,	40 00	
Mrs. Anthony Ladeau,	62 00	
Mrs. Margaret Duprey,	48 00	
Alice Bates,	4 00	
Mrs. George F. Haven,	72 17	
Francis Reno,	20 50	
James Dube,	4 00	
Napoleon Dumas,	31 77	
Thomas Vallier,	17 25	
Joseph Rafferty,	30 00	
Alfred Hughes,	25 00	
Charles Rinfrette,	24 50	
Clara Daisy,	5 00	
Felix LeMay,	7 00	
Joseph Lacourse,	62 00	
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State Poor.

John Grindon,	\$42 30	
Margaret Leonard,	174 70	
Charles Girard,	20 00	
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Amount due from state,		
1899.—Charles Girard,	\$20 00	
1896.—Peter Kalud,	30 40	
1897.—Frederick Keinner,	59 94	
1896.—James R. Mills,	16 50	
1897.—Mrs. Adolph Gardner,	12 00	
1894.—Joseph Derosia,	19 25	
1896.—Joseph LaPlant,	17 00	
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Paid Unpaid Bills of 1897.

Apr. 8.	H. B. Bullard, for Jos. Jenney,	\$10 00
	H. Bourbonnais, M. D. setting leg for Joseph Lacourse,	20 00
	E. N. Jenckes, grocery bill for almshouse,	125 00
	Root & Wixtead, grocery bill for almshouse,	125 00

Apr. 8.	John Condon, meat for alms-		
	house,	\$50	00
	Worcester hospital, for Frank		
	Garceau,	28	57
	Town of Uxbridge, for Reuben		
	Green family,	5	00
	Town of Uxbridge, Mrs. Fred		
	Caswell,	13	00
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		\$376 57	

Assisted Poor of Other Towns.

Agnes La Plant, Northbridge,	\$3	20	
Nora Boyce, Northbridge,	68	25	
May Barnes, Oxford,	17	00	
Francis Ranfrette, Sutton,	6	00	
Mrs. A. J. Howard, Sutton,	7	00	
Mrs. Louis Gabrey, Fall River,	7	25	
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		\$108 70	

Due From Other Towns.

Nora Boyce, Northbridge,	\$47	00	
May Barnes, Oxford,	17	00	
Louis Gabrey, Fall River,	7	25	
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		\$71 25	

Miscellaneous Accounts.

1898.			
Apr. 6.	Stamps and stationery,	\$1	25
8.	Bill heads for town,	1	25
11.	Fare to Boston, for pauper,	1	20
June 7.	Blanks and stationery,		50
	Trip to Boston, for state poor,	4	00
8.	Stamps,	1	00
10.	Two visits to Northbridge,	1	50
	Oxford,	1	00
Sept. 15.	Trip to Boston, for state poor,	4	00
Nov. 5.	Stamps,	1	00
11.	Trip to Oxford, May Barnes,	1	50
17.	Trip to Boston on state business,	4	00

Jan. 7.	Stationery,	\$ 50	
24.	Trip to Uxbridge, on Alfred Green case,	1 25	
25.	Stamps,	50	
	Telephoning to Boston for Scroggie children,	35	
Feb. 25.	Stamps and stationery,	1 25	
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			\$26 05

Lockup Account.

1898.			
Apr. 12.	Tim. Wixtead, care of lockup,	\$20 00	
	Sickman two days,	1 00	
Sept.	Tim. Wixtead, cleaning lockup,	3 25	
Oct. 19.	A. J. Thayer, one cord wood,	4 50	
Nov. 5.	Tim. Wixtead, keeping lockup,	25 00	
Jan. 4.	A. J. Thayer, one cord wood,	4 50	
Feb. 4.	Joseph Bowen, repairs of lockup,	95	
28.	A. J. Thayer, one cord wood,	3 75	
	Root & Wixtead. supplies for lockup,	12 72	
	Tim. Wixtead, for keeping lockup,	16 25	
Paid to March 1, '99,			<hr/>
Number of tramps,			\$91 92
			411

Amount Received for Support of Poor.

1898.	Received from town treasurer,	\$2,625 00
Mar. 1.	Cash from last years acct.,	22 25
21.	Town Treas., state poor acct.	30 31
	Received from Town of Sutton, aid to Francis Rinfrette,	21 00
	Town of Sutton, aid to Mrs. A. J. How- ard,	7 00
Aug. 5.	Town of Northbridge, aid to Kate Ryal,	4 95
Nov. 10.	Town of Northbridge, aid to Mrs. Nora Boyce,	21 25
22.	Town of Northbridge, aid to Mrs. Agnes La Plant,	3 20
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		\$2,734 96

Recapitulation.

Paid on account of poor at almshouse,	\$1,143 91
Lockup,	91 92
Miscellaneous accounts,	26 05
Aided poor outside of almshouse,	717 69
of other towns,	108 70
State poor,	237 00
Paid unpaid bills of '97,	376 57
Cash in hands of Overseer March 1, '99,	33 12

\$2,734 96

Unpaid bills of '97, 376 57

Total cost of supporting poor for year ending Mar.
1, 1899, \$2,358 39

Amount due from state, 175 09

Amount due from other towns, 71 25

Overseers have received for their services,

Charles Bennett, \$100 00

Wm. P. Wight, 25 00

O. F. Chase, 25 00— \$150 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BENNETT, } Overseer
W. P. WIGHT, } of
ORLAN F. CHASE, } Poor.

Report of the
Commissioner of Roads,
 ON THE
Expenditures on Roads and Bridges,
for Labor and Supplies,
 FOR THE
Year Ending March 1, 1899.

ARTHUR F. JONES, Commissioner.

Ralph Aldrich, horses on cart, 40 h.	\$8 00	Jas. Chase, 14 h.	\$ 2 10
John Austin, 458 h.	68 70	Steve Copp, 25 h.	3 75
Driving scraper, 118 h.	20 65	Ed Clark, 626½ h.	93 97
John Anderson, 65 h.	9 75	John Caswell, 8¼ h.	1 25
Loring Buffam, 153 h.	22 95	Al Cook, 149 h.	22 35
Horses on cart, 35 h.	7 00	Sewell Chase, 29 h.	4 35
Horse on cart, 5 h.	62	Oxen on cart, 13 h.	2 60
Moses Balcome, 230 h.	34 50	Orson Chase, 33 h.	4 95
Horse on cart, 52 h.	6 50	Alphonzo Chase, 31 h.	4 65
Walter Buxton, 27 h.	4 05	Edrastus Chase, 31 h.	4 65
E. T. Buxton, 67 h.	10 05	Horses on cart, 21 h.	4 20
Frank Butterfield, 30 h.	4 50	M. B. Chase, 20 h.	3 00
Frank Bryen, 10 h.	1 50	Henry Chase, 21 h.	3 15
T. H. Barton, 13 h.	1 95	Guss Dudley, 118 h.	17 70
Guy Balcome, 62 h.	9 30	Horses on cart, 68 h.	13 60
Richard Brooks, 50 h.	7 50	4 Horses on scraper,	
W. L. Church, 89 h.	13 35	20 h.	12 00
Horses on cart, 80 h.	16 00	A. J. Dudley, 40 h.	6 00
H. W. Church, 120 h.	18 00	Horses on cart, 20 h.	4 00
Frank Copp, 40 h.	6 00	Driving scraper, 20 h.	3 50

John Dunleavy Jr., 314 h.	\$47 10	Horses on scraper, 65 h.	19 50
Driving scraper, 45 h.	7 87	Fred Parks, 65 h.	9 75
Peter Dufo Jr., 70 h.	10 50	E. C. Parker, 50 h.	7 50
Giff Dudley, 20 h.	3 00	Horses on scraper, 30 h.	9 00
Driving scraper, 22½ h.	3 94	Horses on cart, 20 h.	4 00
Horses on scraper, 30 h.	9 00	Dan Rogers, 90 h.	13 50
Horses on cart, 40 h.	8 00	Nelson Roberts, 48½ h.	72 40
Mike Emery, 80 h.	12 00	Frank Rawson, 75 h.	11 25
Mitchel Foster, 103½ h.	155 02	Jas. Richardson, 15½ h.	2 33
John Goff, 71 h.	10 65	Horses on cart, 22 h.	4 40
Lou Gove, 10 h.	1 50	Alex Ritchie, 10 h.	1 50
Ernest Gerard, 132 h.	19 80	Will Sanborn, 10 h.	1 50
Driving scraper, 65 h.	11 37	Fred Strong, 246 h.	36 90
Arthur Holbrook, 204 h.	30 60	Si Sweet, 12 h.	1 80
Will Herendeen, 3¼ h.	50	Frank Smith, mason work	
Henry Howard, 128½ h.	19 27	11 h.	2 75
Albert Harper, 216 h.	32 40	Richard Shaw, 909½ h.	136 42
Raim Hosman, 20 h.	3 00	Chas. Sibley, 248 h.	37 20
Chas. Hilton, 149 h.	22 35	Horses on cart, 183 h.	36 60
Arthur F. Jones, Comm.,		Horses on scraper, 105h.	
1240½ h.	248 10		31 50
Driving horse, 319 h.	15 95	Wm. Smith, 10 h.	1 50
4 Horses on scraper,		Willis Thayer, 253 h.	37 95
301 h.	180 60	Tramp, 4 h.	60
Horses on cart,		Jo Terrier, 198½ h.	29 78
1842½ h.	368 50	Chandler Titus, 52 h.	7 80
Peter Jarvis Jr., 90 h.	13 50	G. Thompson, 6 h.	90
A. F. Jones, horses on		E. Thayer, man, 25 h.	3 75
cart, 30 h.	6 00	Horses on cart, 25 h.	5 00
Horses on scraper, 20 h.	6 00	Aaron Vaznaiau, 62 h.	9 30
Richard Jogerson, 5 h.	75	George Wallis, 40 h.	6 00
Alvin Johnson, 40 h.	6 00	Arthur Woodman, carpenter	
Otis King, 904½ h.	135 68	work, 20 h.	4 00
Frank Keith, 30 h.	4 50	Jed Watkins, 123 h.	18 45
Allie Keith, 25 h.	3 75	Frank Wellman, 70 h.	10 50
Chas. Lawrence, 74 h.	11 10	Horses on cart, 30 h.	3 75
Harry Lunn, 228½ h.	34 27	Timothy Wixtead, 3¼ h.	50
Driving scraper, 156 h.	27 30	Lewis Young, 25 h.	2 50
Alfred Laffur, 43 h.	6 45		
Henry Martin, 24 h.	3 60		
John Murphey, 20 h.	3 00		
Tim Murphey, 32 h.	4 80		
Manchang Man, 20 h.	3 00		
Andrew Mascier, 153½ h.	23 03		
Amos Noles Sr., 412½ h.	61 87		
George Nichols, 65 h.	9 75		
Lewis Noles, 311½ h.	38 94		
Ths. Noles, 54 h.	6 75		
John Otis, 44 h.	6 60		
Fred Parker, 158 h.	23 70		
Jas. Peterson, 60 h.	9 00		
Walter Parker, horses on			
cart, 132 h.	26 40		

Total paid for labor, \$2,761 48

List of Supplies and Tools on Hand.

Two road machines,	\$250 00	
Two bridge stringers,	10 00	
1000 ft. railing,	10 00	
Two mattocks,	1 50	
Eighteen shovels,	13 50	
Six steel snow shovels @ 35c.	2 10	
One post spade,	50	
Three sythes and sticks,	4 50	
Two steel bars,	3 00	
One manure fork,	75	
Twelve stone picks,	6 00	
One stone rake,	50	
Seven picks,	3 50	
Four hoes,	1 00	
Two mason hoes,	1 50	
Fourteen drills,	2 50	
One-half bbl. cement,	63	
One trowel,	75	
One plow,	15 00	
Plank and posts, etc.	3 00	
40 lbs. fence wire,	1 20	
Dynamite, fuse,	50	
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Supplies, gravel,	\$76 20	
For bridges and rails,	60 67	
For road machine and new tools,	50 82	
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Sum Total for supplies,	\$187 69	
Sum Total for labor,	2,761 48	
Total expense for maintaining roads,	<hr/>	\$2,949 17

Rec'd for loam and ditch wash,	\$3 50	
labor on sidewalks, J. C. Hammond,	25 00	
Cash rec'd from Treasurer,	2,920 67	
	<hr/>	\$2,949 17

It will be seen from this report that the appropriation has been exceeded \$420.00. It has been an exceptional season of floods and excessive snow-falls which has necessitated extra expense. Clay and loam are the two poorest materials for roadways and unfortunately we have an abundance of both. It is almost impossible to make a good road that will stand (even for 1 year) with the material we have to use.

The lack of suitable material for the construction of hard roads should be a convincing argument in favor of improved methods. The making of any kind of a road is a matter of dollars and cents, the better and more desirable a road the more money must be expended in its construction. It is time that we should take a sensible view of the matter outside of political influences and take one step at least in the right direction for better road. It would be wise economy to be a little more liberal in our appropriation for roads and let us have at least a mile or two of crushed stone road.

It is a well known fact that Depot St. especially is in poor condition one-half the time, notwithstanding that it costs from two to four hundred per year to repair it, and I say that the present method of repairing a road, where so much heavy teaming is done is wasteful in its practice and unsatisfactory in its results. We are simply paying for the privilege of eating dust in the summer and wading through deep mud in the spring and fall.

I am glad that the constant agitation of the question of roads has awakened at least a few of our citizens and an article appears in the warrant to see what action the town will take in regard to purchasing Stone Crusher and Roller.

Very respectfully,

ARTHUR F. JONES, Road Commissioner.

Prices paid for Labor and Teams.

Commissioner, per hour,	20 cents.
Commissioner, driving horse, per hour,	5
Men laborers,	15
Boy laborers,	10 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Horse and cart,	12 $\frac{1}{2}$

Two horses and cart,	20
Two horses on road scraper,	30
Man driving scraper,	17½
Oxen and cart,	20

SNOW ROADS.

First Snow Storm.

Loring Stockwell, 21 h.	3 15	Ernest Lambert, 5 h.	75
Horses, 12 h.	2 40	G. S. Potter, 8 h.	1 00
Lewis Plant, 10 h.	1 50	Orson Chase, 15 h.	2 25
John Jacobs, 10 h.	1 50	Elisha Thompson, 16 h.	2 40
Marvel Southwick, 34 h.	5 10	Edrastus Chase, 25 h.	3 75
L. A. Buffam, 19 h.	2 85	Horses, 16 h.	3 20
Horses, 6 h.	1 20	Alphonzo Chase, 26 h.	3 90
Manchaug Co.,	4 75	Henry Chase, 23 h.	3 45
W. A. Sherman, 6 h.	90	Edgar Parker & men 118 h.	17 70
George Nichols, 6 h.	90	Horses, 34 h.	6 80
W. F. Young, horses, 5 h.	1 00	Moses Balcome, 37 h.	5 55
C. F. Sibley, 24 h.	3 60	Giff Dudley, 32 h.	4 80
Horses, 24 h.	4 80	Horses, 30 h.	6 00
Ernest Gerard, 16 h.	2 40	J. A. Richardson, 7 h.	1 05
Walter Parker, horses, 16 h.	3 20	Horses, 5 h.	1 00
George Bent, 24 h.	3 60	Edgar Manning, 26 h.	3 90
Fred Parks, 10 h.	1 50	Bill Peak 15 h.	2 25
H. F. Barton, 16 h.	2 40	Geo. Raim, 23 h.	3 45
Si Sweet, 3 h	45	Everett Brown, 30 h.	4 50
James Chase, 8 h.	1 20	Ed Buxton, 7 h.	1 05
Allie Keith, 26½ h.	3 98	Geo. Carravan, 5 h.	75
Dan Rogers, 10 h.	1 50	J. Perrien, 10 h.	1 50
Nelson Emerson, 8 h.	1 20	W. L. Church, 24 h.	3 60
Lafayette Taft, 19½ h.	2 93	Horses, 16 h.	3 20
Horace Smith, 9 h.	1 35	H. W. Church, 15 h.	2 25
Almon Chapman, 10 h.	1 50	J. Wellman, 21 h.	3 15
Peter Jarvis, 31 h.	4 65	Guy Balcome, 17 h.	2 55
Horses, 14 h.	2 80	Geo. Parker, 14 h.	2 10
Jo Reynolds, 20 h.	3 00	Geo Lindberg, 14 h.	1 68
Alex Ritchie, 20 h.	3 00	Edward Lindberg, 9 h.	1 08
Horses, 4 h.	80	Charles Parker, 3 h.	45
R. Bosmer, 28 h.	4 20	Frank Wellman, horses, 12h.	2 40
Perry Bryant, 26 h.	3 90	Jas. Blanchard, 21 h.	3 15
David Roberts, 27 h.	4 05	Lewis Rabbilard, 15 h.	2 25
Napoleon Roberts, 27 h.	4 05	Peter Rabbilard, 16 h.	2 40
Gilbert Roberts, 9 h.	1 35	Lewis Rabbilard Jr., 8 h.	1 20
Andrew Roberts, 4 h.	60	Sewell Chase, 29 h.	4 35
Horses, 12 h.	2 40	Myron Chase, 29 h.	4 35
Wm. Herendeen, 5 h.	75	Horses, 3 h.	60
Frank Kenyon, 27 h.	4 05	Charles Burke, 26 h.	3 90
C. N. Potter, 7 h.	1 05	John Dolbear, 26 h.	3 90

Phillip Ladoo, 32 h.	\$ 4 80
Ambrose Noles, 44 h.	6 60
Chas. Noles, 44 h.	6 60
Alfred Casey, 34 h.	5 10
Selina Casey, horses, 20 h.	2 00
Moses Parent, 20 h.	3 00
H. C. Johnson, 11 h.	1 65
Fred Haskins, 6 h.	90
S. P. Rawson, 31 h.	4 65
Horses, 19 h.	3 80
Jas. Peters, 22 h.	3 30
Horses, 44 h.	8 80
U. B. Peters, 22 h.	3 30
H. A. Peters, 22 h.	3 30
Oscar Peters, 9 h.	1 35
Peter Collan, 35 h.	5 25
Napoleon Richards, 40 h.	4 00
Fred Dupoint, 45 h.	6 75
Horses, 35 h.	7 00
Geo. Mascier, 45 h.	6 75
Frank Dupoint, 45 h.	6 75
Phillip Gasso, 45 h.	6 75
Chas. Andrews, 35 h.	5 25
Henry Hinden, 18 h.	2 70
Dan Dudley, 5 h.	75
Guss Dudley, 23 h.	3 45
Horses, 37 h.	7 40
A. T. Dudley, 18 h.	2 70
John Anderson, 23 h.	3 45
Chas. Dore, 16 h.	2 40
C. Corbin, 16 h.	2 40
Frank Amidon, 5 h.	75
Geo. Brown, 5 h.	75
Nep Guertin, 7 h.	1 05

Boys, 8½ h.	\$1 15
Arthur Holbrook, 21 h.	3 15
John Mc Grath and boys	
75 h.	11 25
F. H. Paine, 32 h.	4 80
P. W. Whiggins, 32 h.	4 80
E. G. Paine, 32 h.	4 80
Geo. Walling, 26 h.	3 90
Will Bellevance, 26 h.	3 90
Will Jarvis, 26 h.	3 90
Frank Smith, 34 h.	5 10
Albert Burke, 18 h.	1 80
Major Benson, 20½ h.	3 07
Horse, 12½ h.	1 25
Will Benson, 24 h.	3 60
Arthur Jones, 79 h.	15 80
Horses, 93 h.	18 60
Harry Lunn, 68 h.	10 20
Willis Thayer, 95 h.	14 25
Jo Savory, 47 h.	7 05
Mitchel Foster, 68h.	10 20
John Paine, 55 h.	8 25
Ed Geers, 12 h.	1 80
E. N. Jencks, snow shovels,	1 00
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C. F. Dudley, 7 h.	1 05
Levi Holt, 7 h.	1 05
Stewkley Potter and boys.	3 10
N. G. Dudley, 6 h.	90

Total expenses for first snow storm.	\$516 24
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Second Snow Storm.

Willis Rosebrooks, 2 years,	6 25
John Dolbear,	3 30
Loring Stockwell and team,	3 25
M. H. Balcome, men and teams,	23 95
W. L. Church, men and teams,	30 30
Marvel Southwick,	5 25
Jas. W. Peters, men and teams,	28 90
Chas. Noles and horse two storms,	10 00
Almond Chapinan,	1 80
Frank Eddy,	1 50

John Mc Grath, and boys,	15 00
Major Benson, boy and horse,	14 35
Frank Dupoint, men and horses,	23 05
Ambrose Noles and boys.	15 00
A. S. Hall, two storms,	6 22
Guss Dudley, men and team	43 05
Peter Jarvis, men and boys,	30 20
Manchaug Co.,	5 00
Lafayette Taft,	2 85
O. F. Chase, and horses.	4 10
Chas. Dudley,	2 40
Edrastus Chase, Brothers	

and team,	21 90
Chas. Sibley, men and teams,	43 60
E. C. Parker, men and teams,	41 05
R. Bosna,	4 95
S. P. Rawson,	5 25
Mr. Howe,	50
F. S. Colman,	3 75
Pat Dermody,	2 25
Nep Guertin, boys and team,	3 68
Will Herendeen,	75
Ed Burke and boy,	6 00
George Reynolds,	4 25
Ed Paine,	3 35
A. F. Brown, men and teams,	7 40
Felix Casey, men and team,	25 00
Charles Green,	2 10
Henry Gammell,	6 75
Fred Chappell,	60
Perry Bryant,	4 05
Frank Smith and horse,	6 00
George Conrad and horse,	5 75
Thurber Thompson,	1 20
Sumner Hinden,	1 35
Charles Gazette,	1 20
Jo Savory,	2 25
Frank Lambert, men, boy	11 40
George Seymour,	90
Elijah Bigelow and men,	1 57
Frank Kenyon, man and boys,	10 50
Frank Sawyer,	1 50

Frank Gasso,	1 50
Ed Hughes,	1 35
Chas. Potter,	75
L. Hannant,	5 02
Jo Reynolds,	5 40
Alfred Reynolds	3 15
Alex Ritchie,	5 35
Oxen,	1 00
Fred Wood,	4 35
L. Robbilar and boys,	19 50
Ths. Kelly and boys,	3 30
Arthur Jones, men and teams,	80 60
Frank Knight,	4 35
Mitchel Foster,	4 50
Frank Paine and man,	6 45
E. McVey,	2 70
Lewis Jarvis,	2 70
Albert Bruno,	4 50
Fred Bruno,	3 75
Leon Goulett,	2 25
Alex Harper,	3 00
John Dunleavy, men and horses, two storms,	16 25
Frank Knight, building snow-plow and stock,	1 50
W. R. Wallis, stock for snow-plow,	
Loring Buffam,	6 20
Andrew Roberts, boys and team,	5 50
W. E. Hayward & Co., men and teams,	2 13
Sum total for second storm,	\$703 57

M. M. LUTHER, Auditor.

Report of
W. H. Emerson, Agent,
On the Devise of Moses Wallis,
To the Town of Douglas,
For the Year Ending March 1, 1899.

The Agent charges himself with notes due the town		
March 1, 1898,		\$17,030 00
Accrued interest,		1,228 28
Cash in hands of Agent,		5,296 78
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		\$23,555 06
1898.		
Mar. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$5,296 78
9.	Rec'd of R. M. Peters,	30 00
11.	O. N. Thurber,	10 00
19.	Margaret F. Brown,	12 00
22.	Fred R. Caswell,	211 75
May 7.	Maria C. Wood,	6 00
June 22.	Mrs. O. C. Emerson,	18 00
July 26.	Mrs. Mary A. Reynolds.	15 00
Aug. 1.	G. M. Bridge,	30 00
13.	B. F. Aldrich,	30 00
20.	Chas. F. Rawson,	12 00
Sept. 5.	George Roberts,	5 00
10.	John D. Darling,	18 00

Sept. 10.	Rec'd of J. P. Millard,	\$24 00
15.	Augustus Willett,	12 00
16.	Susan V. Thayer,	10 00
Oct. 18.	Alex. Ritchie,	12 00
25.	Frank E. Wellman,	12 00
26.	David Lunn, one-half interest,	15 00
	Preserved Alger,	6 00
31.	John C. F. Bates,	9 00
	Amos Lunn, one-half interest,	15 00
Nov. 12.	Chas. H. Hilton,	12 00
	Susan V. Thayer,	10 00
15.	Arthur L. Putnam,	24 00
	Lucius S. Whipple,	30 00
Dec. 5.	Lizzie Wixtead,	24 00
7.	Eva Maxim,	6 00
17.	Susan V. Thayer,	10 00
	Louis Terrier,	24 00
26.	E. T. Thayer,	24 00
27.	Frank LaFrancis,	9 00
1899.		
Jan. 9.	A. F. Brown,	30 00
	George Roberts,	4 00
16.	F. C. McCormick,	9 00
17.	Mrs. Mary A. Reynolds,	6 00
18.	Louisa M. Dore,	12 00
25.	Daniel S. Buxton,	12 00
31.	A. F. Brown,	30 00
	Joel Glover,	12 00
Feb. 18.	Mary J. Willis,	23 00
	Mrs. Zilpha M. Rawson,	30 00
	Mitchel Augier,	18 00
25.	Arthur L. Putnam,	24 00
28.	Mrs. Emma J. Brown,	9 00
	W. F. Young,	25 00
	Frank Duval,	7 50
	N. E. Trust Co., int. on dep. to March 1, 1899,	106 95
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		\$6,340 98

The Agent has loaned and paid out, as follows:

1898.

Mar. 22.	Transfer of mortgage,	\$ 25
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May 18.	A. F. Jones, care of devise,	\$10 00
July 30.	Paid tax on devise,	381 65
	Postage stamps,	1 00
Nov. 19.	Loaned Daniel Phillips,	200 00
Dec. 2.	Recording mortgage,	1 00
14.	C. J. Batcheller, printing,	3 50
1899.		
Jan. 9.	Postage stamps,	1 00
	A. F. Brown, writing mortgage,	1 00
16.	Loaned Mary E. Mowry,	100 00
Mar. 1.	Safe,	30 00
	Agents services and expenses.	65 00
	Henry D. Wallis, appraiser to date,	3 00
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		\$797 40

Notes due the Town March 1, 1899.

Maker of Note.	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Prin.
Mitchel Augier,		\$15 45	\$300 00
Bertrand F. Aldrich,		26 66	500 00
Preserved Alger,		2 06	100 00
Joseph T. Arnold.	A. L. Putnam,	32 00	400 00
Adolphus F. Brown,		68 00	500 00
Alvin H. Brown,	A. F. Brown,	50 00	500 00
Emma J. Brown,		4 12	150 00
Margaret F. Brown,		11 33	200 00
Potter M. Bates,	John C. F. Bates,	3 37	150 00
Daniel S. Buxton,	A. E. Hall,	11 00	200 00
Vesta H. Balcome,	Wellington Balcome,	11 13	125 00
Chas. S. Caswell,		85 00	500 00
Harriet C. Caswell.		22 00	200 00
Salina Casey,		63 00	500 00
John D. Darling,		15 00	300 00
Frank Duval,		45 20	300 00
Frank Duval,		8 34	125 00
Mary M. Gough,		28 33	100 00
Joel Glover,	Sarah Dufo,	2 93	200 00
Amos A. Humes,	Nancy Nole,	62 83	350 00
Charles H. Hilton.		24 40	200 00
Emma Hannant,		15 63	200 00
Peter Jarvis,		22 10	150 00
Louisa Jarvis,		12 60	100 00

Joseph Lebeau,	Augustus Willett,	\$7 40	\$200 00
Frank LaFrancis, .		1 50	150 00
David & Amos Lunn,		10 17	500 00
James P. Millard,		24 00	400 00
Eva Maxim,		1 40	100 00
Mary J. Murphy,		33 11	330 00
Mary E. Mowry,		75	100 00
James McCormick,	John H. Gough,	87 50	350 00
Sarah H. Paine,		36 50	200 00
Daniel Phillips,		3 00	200 00
Russell M. Peters.		38 00	250 00
Joanna Rawson,	C. F. Rawson,	9 30	200 00
Mary A. Reynolds,		13 75	250 00
Mary A. Reynolds,		2 30	100 00
George Roberts,		8 00	150 00
Ira T. Robbins.	F. C. McCormick,	10 50	150 00
J. & M. Rivers,	R. L. Lesperance,	66 00	400 00
Oscar C. Rawson,	Louisa M. Dore,	1 16	200 00
Alexander Ritchie,		4 33	200 00
S. P. Rawson,	Zilpha M. Rawson,	30 75	500 00
Margaret Stearns,	Mrs. O. C. Emerson,	16 50	300 00
E. M. Southwick,	G. M. Bridge,	47 50	500 00
O. N. Thurber,	Eliza Williams,	105 30	300 00
Susan V. Thayer,		25 42	500 00
E. T. Thayer,		22 67	400 00
Louis Terrier,		5 00	400 00
John Vallier,		18 40	300 00
James Wixtead,		13 75	100 00
Thomas Wixtead,	Lizzie Wixtead,	2 83	200 00
Lucius S. Whipple,		10 17	500 00
Albert Whipple,		15 10	200 00
Williard Whipple,		41 40	450 00
Mary J. Willis,		25 17	500 00
Maria C. Wood,		4 75	100 00
Frank E. Wellman,		10 17	200 00
Phebe Young,	W. F. Young,	35 67	500 00
Amos G. Yates,		83 63	400 00
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		\$1,515 33	\$17,130 00

Recapitulation.

Notes due the town March 1, 1899,	\$17,130 00
Accrued interest,	1,515 33

Cash in hands of Agent,	\$5,556 96
Value of devise March 1, 1899,	\$24,202 29
Value of devise March 1, 1898,	23,555 06
Net gain for the year,	\$647 23

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. EMERSON, Agent.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Free Public Library.

Report of Treasurer.

		Dr.
1898.		
Mar. 1.	To cash in town treasury,	\$246 28
May 31.	rec'd fines and catalogues,	3 54
Sept. 8.	fines and catalogues,	2 62
Nov. 28.	library entertainment,	64 00
Dec. 2.	fines and catalogues,	3 07
1899.		
Feb. 28.	fines and catalogues,	3 84
	dog fund,	242 82
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		\$566 17

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1898.		
May 31.	By paid Alice Luther,	\$20 00
	getting in wood,	25
	cleaning rooms,	85
Sept. 8.	Alice Luther,	20 00
	" " cataloguing,	1 90
12.	for books,	124 20
	freight and cartage,	1 25
31.	rebinding 117 books,	23 40
	for books,	22 50

Sept. 31.	By paid binding 69 books,	\$17 25
	express,	35
	300 addendas,	4 50
Dec. 2.	Alice Luther,	20 00
12.	J. C. Hammond, three yrs. ins.	53 20
1899.		
Feb. 27.	wood,	5 00
	getting in wood,	25
	Alice Luther,	20 00
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		\$334 90
	Cash in town treasury,	231 27
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		\$566 17

C. J. BATCHELLER, Treasurer.

Report of Librarian.

Whole number of books in library,		3602
Number added during the year,		209
Number issued during the year,		9839
Increase in circulation above last year,		328
Average number issued on Wednesday,		108
Average number issued on Saturday evening		95
Amount of fines for the year,	\$13 75	
Balance of fines March 1, 1898,	23 02—	\$36 77
Amount collected for fines,	11 67	
Catalogues sold,	1 40	
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Paid to treasurer,	\$13 07	
Amount collected for fines		11 67
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Balance due Mar. 1, 1899,		\$25 10

ALICE E. LUTHER, Librarian.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births.

Whole number,		40
males,	20	
females,	20—	40
foreign parentage,	15	
mixed parentage,	7	
American parentage,	18—	40

Marriages.

Whole number,		22
Foreign birth,	20	
American birth,	24—	44
Residents in Douglas,	35	
Residents elsewhere,	9	44
First marriage,	42	
Third marriage,	2	44

Deaths.

Whole number		55
males,	25	
females,	30—	55
foreign birth,	8	
American birth,	47—	55

Number	under 1 year,		9	
	between 1 and 5,		8	
	5	10,	1	
	10	20,	3	
	20	30,	3	
	30	40,	3	
	40	50,	0	
	50	60,	7	
	60	70,	8	
	70	80,	1	
	80	90,	9	
	90	100,	3—	55

Dogs Registered.

Whole number,			137
Males,	133 @ \$2.00	\$266 00	
Females,	4 @ 5.00	20 00—	\$286 00

C. H. BACHELER, Town Clerk.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
Town of Douglas.

ARTICLE I.

TOWN MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. Every warrant for a Town Meeting shall be served by posting attested copies of the same at least ten days before the time of the meeting to be held under it in three public places, as follows: At the Post-Offices at East Douglas and Douglas Centre, and one on the schoolhouse in South Douglas.

SECTION 2. In town meetings, all persons present shall, on request of the moderator, as far as practicable, be seated.

SECTION 3. No motion shall be entertained at an adjourned meeting, for the reconsideration of any vote passed

at the original meeting, or at any adjournment of the same, unless notice of such motion shall have been given at such original meeting, or at any adjournment of the same ; but this by-law may be suspended in any particular case by a vote of three-fourths of those present and voting.

SECTION 4. When any one addresses the Chair, he shall rise and stand uncovered.

SECTION 5. The duties of the presiding officer not specially provided for by law, shall be determined by rules of parliamentary law contained in Cushing's "Manual," so far as they are adapted to town meetings.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The annual Town Meeting shall be held on the third Monday of March in each year.

SECTION 2. The fiscal year, so far as the accounts of the several town officers are concerned, shall close on the first day of March ; and all accounts shall be made up to that time.

SECTION 3. SELECTMEN The Selectmen shall have the general care and custody, direction and management of all the property of the Town, in all matters not otherwise provided for. They shall count the cash belonging to the Town, in the Town Treasurer's possession, and examine and fully verify his bank deposit standing in the name of the Town, on the first day of March each year, and certify to the Town, in their annual report, that they have done so ; and if everything connected therewith is found correct, they shall declare that the amounts agree with

the Treasurer's report regarding the same, or otherwise, as they shall find it.

They shall, in ample time before policies expire, see to the renewal of all fire insurance on the Town's properties, and shall keep such property properly insured.

They shall print the by-laws of the town in full in each annual report of the Town Officers.

SECTION 4. TREASURER. The Town Treasurer shall not use any money or funds belonging to the Town, in the payment of any of his own or any other person's private bills or obligations, nor for any other purpose, except for paying Town notes, interest on Town notes, and the State and County taxes, except on orders signed by at least a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

He shall give no Town notes, except the same are approved and countersigned by at least a majority of the Board of Selectmen. He shall prepare and deliver to the Board of Selectmen, on or before the fifth day of March of each year, a full statement, in detail, of all receipts and payments of money by him as Town Treasurer, showing the balance of his account on the first day of March, with a statement of the property of the Town in his possession, and all notes or other obligations given by him or by his predecessors, and outstanding against the Town on the first day of March of each year, stating to whom each note is payable, when due, and the rate of interest said note or other obligation is drawing. He shall keep all Town notes that have been paid and cancelled, and all cancelled bank checks, and all orders drawn by the Selectmen, and other valuable documents or papers belonging to the Town, or relating to the affairs of the Town in his department, which shall be always subject to the inspection and

examination of the Selectmen; he shall give his bond within five days after his election, to the Town Clerk for his custody and safe-keeping, which shall first be subject to the approval of the Selectmen endorsed thereon in writing.

SECTION 5. Money belonging to the Town, if deposited by the Treasurer or the agent, on the devise of Moses Wallis, shall be deposited in some bank or Trust Company, allowing interest on daily balances, and the interest on said deposits credited to the town.

ARTICLE III.

CONCERNING TRUANT CHILDREN AND ABSENTEES FROM SCHOOL.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the School Committee of the Town to appoint two suitable persons to be designated as "Truant Officers," who shall, under the direction of said Committee, inquire into all cases coming under this article, and shall alone be authorized, in case of violation thereof, to make complaint and carry into execution the judgment thereof.

Truant officers so appointed shall at all times be subject to removal by the School Committee, and their compensation shall be fixed by the School Committee, and shall be paid from the Treasury of the Town.

SECTION 2. The Worcester County Truant School at West Boylston, Mass., is hereby assigned as the place of confinement, discipline and instruction of persons convicted under the provisions of this article.

SECTION 3. Any child between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who is an habitual truant, or is found wandering about the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, or growing up in ignorance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be committed to the Worcester County Truant School at West Boylston, Mass., for such term as the Justice or Court having jurisdiction may determine.

SECTION 4. Truant officers appointed as herein provided, are authorized and empowered to take into custody any such child, and place him in the school to which he shall have been assigned by the School Committee of the town.

ARTICLE IV.

PENAL LAW.

SECTION 1. No person shall play at any game of ball or football, or throw ball, or stones, or snow-balls in the streets within the limits of the East Douglas fire district.

Nor shall any person deposit within any street or public places any ashes, cinders, fish or any waste-matter whatever, except by the consent of the Selectmen; nor set or plant any trees within the limits of the streets or highways of said town, without the consent of the person having the care of said streets and highways.

SECTION 2. No person shall course, coast or slide upon the streets or sidewalks of the town upon any hand-sled, board, jumper, or otherwise, except at such places and under such restrictions and regulations as the Selectmen shall designate and require.

SECTION 3. No person shall wheel, drive, or draw any coach, cart, hand-barrow, sled, bicycle, or other carriage of burden or pleasure (except children's hand-carriages, drawn by hand), or drive, or permit any horse, neat cattle, or sheep under his care to go or stand upon any sidewalk, or stand upon any street-crossing, so as to obstruct public travel.

SECTION 4. No person shall behave himself in a rude and disorderly manner, or use any indecent, profane or insulting language in any street, highway, or other public place in the town, or near any dwelling-house or other building not his own, therein, or be or remain upon any sidewalk or fence contiguous to a highway or street, or upon any doorstep, portico, or other projection from any such house or other building, nor in any church, meeting-house, railroad depot or platform, public hall or entrance thereto, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person: nor shall any person, at, near, or upon any such dwelling-house, building, sidewalk, doorstep, portico, fence or projection, or any such meeting-house, public hall, railroad depot or platform, or entrance thereto, commit any nuisance, or by any noise, gesture, or other means, wantonly or designedly drive or frighten any horse in any street, highway or public place in the town.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES. Any person violating any of the provisions of the preceding by-laws, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars (\$10) for each offence, to be forfeited and paid to the Town, unless when different provision is made by the laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 6. These By-Laws may be altered, amended or annulled at any meeting called for the purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of those present and voting thereon.

SECTION 7. If these by-laws be adopted by the town and approved by the Court, all by-laws heretofore adopted by the Town and now in force, inconsistent with these by-laws, shall become null and void.

These by-laws shall be in force when approved by the Court.

A. F. BROWN,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
WILLIAM ABBOTT,		
JOHN M. RAWSON,		

DOUGLAS, MASS.

Adopted *April* 26, 1897.

C. H. BACHELER,
Town Clerk of Douglas.

By a vote at the same time and place Mr. William Abbott was authorized to present these by-laws to the Court for approval.

C. H. BACHELER,
Town Clerk.

Annual Reports

OF THE

School Committee

AND

The School Building Committee

OF THE

Town of Douglas,

FOR YEAR ENDING

March 1, 1899.



PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1899.

REPORT
OF
The School Building Committee.

In commencing this report a brief preliminary statement of facts has been deemed advisable.

At the annual meeting, held March 15th, 1897, the Warrant contained the following:

"Article 23. To see what action the Town will take to provide better accommodation for schools, or act, or do anything in relation to the same." Said article not being acted on, the annual meeting was adjourned to April 26. April 26, the Town voted: "that the Chair appoint a committee of seven (7) to take the matter in said article under consideration and make a thorough investigation as to the expense of repairing the old school houses in East Douglas, and the probable cost of building a new school-house sufficiently large to accommodate the eight schools in East Douglas and report at an adjourned meeting, May 29." Chair appointed J. M. Rawson, A. F. Jones, W. R. Wallis, A. F. Brown, Stillman Russell, W. W. Brown, and M. M. Luther, as Committee.

May 29, the report of the Committee was read by the Secretary and accepted by the Town, who referred the matter again to the Committee for further investigation and voted that the Chair appoint two more on said Committee. Chair appointed, William Abbott, and Edwin Moore. Voted, "that this Committee of nine report at the adjourned meeting to be held June 12th."

June 12, report of Committee read by Secretary. Voted, "that the Committee continue their investigations, ascertain and determine the cost of the several locations and other like matters and report at an adjourned meeting to be held June 16th 1897."

June 16, the Secretary read the report as follows: "That the Committee recommend that the Town build a School Building of brick and stone about seventy-five by eighty feet (75×80), two stories above basement, to contain eight class rooms; that the town appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to pay for the same, and that the Town elect by ballot a Committee of five (5), to build the school building either on the site of the "Long School-house" or on land belonging to Charlotte Richardson, as the Committee may elect."

The Town voted that the report be accepted and adopted and the Committee discharged.

The following committee was elected by ballot: A. F. Jones, W. R. Wallis, J. M. Rawson, W. S. Schuster, and J. W. Wixtead, Voted to add two (2) to the Committee. A. F. Brown, and W. W. Brown, were elected. Voted (unanimously) to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars for the use of said Committee, to expend in the erection of said school building, and that the Treasurer be authorised to borrow money for that purpose by giving Town notes for a term of years (with the approval of the Selectmen).

In accordance with the above action of the Town, the Committee employed Clarence P. Hoyt, Architect, who furnished plans and specifications, and advertised for bids, to be in the hands of the Committee on or before Dec. 15, 1897. Dec. 2nd, Committee met at seven o'clock, P. M., to open and consider the bids. A. F. Jones in the chair. Other members present, W. S. Schuster, J. W. Wixtead, W. W. Brown, and J. M. Rawson, (and by request Architect C. P. Hoyt).

Twenty-one (21) bids were submitted. The highest was \$21,000.00. The lowest bid, \$12,600.00 was made by the "Clinton Wall Trunk M'fg. Co.," of Clinton, Mass., to whom was awarded the contract. The contract for heating, ventilating, and sanitary apparatus was awarded to the "Fuller and Warren Warming and Ventilating Co." for the sum of \$1,898.00. The amount of the contracts awarded is as follows:

Clinton Wall Trunk M'fg Co.,	\$12,600 00
Fuller and Warren Warming & Ventilating Co.,	1,898 00
C. P. Hoyt, Architect, plans and specifications,	500 00
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	\$14,998 00
Balance not expended,	2 00
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	\$15,000 00

As the work neared completion it became evident that several

minor matters not contemplated in the specifications were necessary to make the work in the highest sense complete. Immediate attention to these details was imperative. There being a sum of money accruing from the sale of notes and from interest connected with the school-house fund, the Committee decided to appropriate it for this necessary work as follows:

A contract was placed with Thomas Fannuff, in the sum of \$60.00, for a granite retaining wall, to protect the bank on the west side of the building from washing away.

The hard pine woodwork on the interior needed a heavy coat of "filler" before being varnished, which contract was placed with Mr. Vanwert for \$60.00, labor and material.

To protect the brick of the building from filling with water and thus better to preserve them, a heavy coat of boiled oil was expedient. G. H. Hewett, was employed to do the labor for the sum of \$25.00, the oil being purchased by the Committee for \$20.05, wholesale.

The increase of funds received by the Treasurer, from sale of Town notes, interest and rebates was \$279.49. Extra outlay as follows:

☞ Paid Thomas Fannuff, retaining wall,	\$60 00
Vanwert, labor and filler,	60 00
G. H. Hewett, oiling brick,	25 00
For fifty gals. boiled oil,	20 05
For date block and setting same,	31 50
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	\$186 55
Balance not expended,	92 94

The labors of the Committee have involved eighty-seven meetings of record and the expenditure of much time and labor for which in view of the satisfactory result they feel amply repaid.

Respectfully submitted,

AARON F. JONES,
J. M. RAWSON,
W. S. SCHUSTER,
JAMES W. WIXTEAD.

Appointment of Superintendent of the Work.

At the commencement of the work it became evident that to

secure the best results there was need of competent and continuous supervision.

For this purpose the services of Mr. J. M. Rawson, were secured and he was appointed by C. P. Hoyt, Architect, with the approval of the Committee, superintendent of the work. By his faithful and energetic service, the satisfactory completion of the building according to the specifications of the contract was secured. For this service he received the sum of \$350.00.

School Committee.

W. W. Brown,	Term expires March 1, 1901
C. J. Batcheller,	1901
M. M. Luther,	1901
S. F. Root,	1899
V. T. Esten,	1899
W. H. Emerson,	1899
H. O. Lamson,	1900
E. E. Young,	1900
F. F. Young,	1900

The above Committee met March 1898, and organized as follows:

President, S. F. Root.

Clerk. W. H. Emerson.

Superintending Committee, { W. W. Brown,
S. F. Root,
C. J. Batcheller,

Purchasing Agent,—C. J. Batcheller.

Truant Officer,—F. F. Young.

Teachers 1897-8.

Rosa M. Bumstead,	Bertha C. Stockwell,
Lillian G. Lincoln,	Etta H. Johnson,
Bessie M. Batcheller,	K. Lena Wixtead,
Euna L. Buffington,	Edith M. Abbott,
Maud Barry,	Alice Pennell,
Geo. H. Stoddard,	Mary G. Lawlor,
Laura E. Brown.	Harry L. Stockwell.

Statistics.

Whole number of children in the town May 1, 1898, between the ages of 5 and 15 years,	442
Whole number attending school during the year, of all ages,	431
Average membership,	355
Per centage of attendance to membership,	87
Average daily attendance in all the schools,	309
Whole number attending school under 5 yrs. of age,	6
over 15 yrs.	35
between the ages of 8 and 14 years,	263
Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year,	101
Average number of months the schools have been kept during the year,	$71\frac{9}{3}$
Number of female teachers,	12
male teachers,	1
Average wages paid female teachers,	\$90 00
male teachers,	33 67

Appropriations.

Appropriations for public schools by the town, March 1, 1898,	\$5,000 00
Repairs of school houses,	50 00
School books and supplies,	300 00
Transporting of pupils,	75 00
State school fund,	294 43
Town school fund, (interest,)	56 48
Received for school books,	9 40
New books on hand,	200 57
Received for tuition from out of town pupils,	20 50
Balance unexpended last year,	705 52—\$6,711 90

Expense of Public Schools.

Teachers' wages for the year,	\$4,035 60
Permanent repairs,	158 27
Truant officer,	22 00
Care of rooms,	219 85
Purchasing agent,	25 00
Books and supplies,	357 57
Increase in books on hand,	31 70
Books sold,	9 40— 41 10—
Total cost of books and supplies,	316 47
Fuel,	482 31
Transporting pupils,	453 25
Paid superintending committee,	150 00
Rent of central hall, graduating exercises,	10 00
Paid Chas. J. Batcheller, printing for graduating exercises,	12 00
Lettering diplomas,	2 25
Rent of citizens hall for sub-grammar school, ,	99 75
Sundry expenses in furnishing and entering new school building,	508 69
Balance unexpended,	216 46
	\$6,711 90

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Mar. 1, 1899.

School.	Grade.	Months Taught.	Average Memb'ship.	Average Attendance.	Teachers' Salary.
1	Mixed.	9	30.56	23.71	\$324 00
2	do	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	15.54	14.56	77 00
3	Prim.	9	28.16	24.31	288 00
4	Mixed.	3	18.16	15.78	96 00
7	do	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	23.5	21.2	182 00
8	do	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	12.9	10.74	189 00
9	Prim.	9	29.6	27.09	293 50
9	Int.	9	34.5	28.76	333 00
10	Prim.	9	25.77	23.87	288 00
10	Int.	9	30.3	28.	324 00
11	Kind.	9	44.58	37.85	324 00
	Gram.	9	36.36	32.26	432 00
	High.	10	24.7	21.42	900 00

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF DOUGLAS:

I respectfully submit for your consideration this, my second annual report of the condition of Douglas High School.

At the beginning of the year twenty-nine pupils were registered. A class of nine was graduated in June. In the fall a class of ten was admitted, eight from the Grammar school and two from a neighboring town. The other facts in regard to membership and attendance are presented in the tabular reports of all the schools.

The changes in the courses of study recommended in the last report, and adopted at the annual meeting of the Committee have proved satisfactory. The change of Review Arithmetic from the last term of the Senior year to the last two terms of the second year gives those pupils who do not finish the course (and they are those who most need such a review) an opportunity to review the Arithmetic. The increased time devoted to the subject gives ample opportunity for a complete and thorough review. The other of the two more important changes was the omission of the study of French. As anticipated this has given slightly longer periods for other recitations, and the pupils who

have studied Latin instead of French, have undoubtedly derived more benefit from the former study than was possible in the short time that could be given to the latter.

During the year there has been a marked improvement in the deportment. The average rank is much higher than last year. There has also been a gain in the amount of work accomplished in several of the studies of the course, and a gain in thoroughness in almost all. Written examinations in the various subjects have been held at intervals varying from one month to six weeks. Each pupil has been provided with a blank book (or books) in which all of his examinations were written. After each examination the work has been inspected, ranked and returned to the pupil with corrections and suggestions. If the examination was unsatisfactory the pupil, after sufficient time for preparation had been allowed, was required to write another examination in the same study. The improvement made by this method is shown by the fact that when the plan was first adopted, a large number of examinations were rewritten, at the last examination only one was rewritten. These books with a report of the attendance, deportment and average of the daily and written rank in each study, will be sent to the parents at the close of the present term. And it is hoped that, by the aid of the new system of reports recently adopted, this report can be made at the end of each term. The co operation of the parents is desired especially in securing better attendance. The ill effects of irregular attendance has been frequently mentioned in past reports of the Committee. These effects are more noticeable in the High School than in any other grade. The loss of a single lesson may result in a failure to understand several that follow. It is true that pupils are required to make up work lost but it is never done as thoroughly as when the work is taken with the class.

Some of the text-books have been nearly worn out by long use, and new one must be bought to replace them. It affords an opportunity to exchange them at very little, if any, additional expense for the much better books recently published.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. STODDARD, Principal.

Report of the Superintending Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS:

The Superintending Committee hereby submit their annual report upon the condition of the public schools for the year ending March 1, 1899.

The past year has been one of unusual activity in educational advancement, both in economy and efficiency. The first important question discussed by the Committee was the advisability of consolidating the outlying schools having but few pupils. This matter was given much earnest thought and careful consideration. The exorbitant expense of instruction for each individual pupil in these schools as will be found by a perusal of the table below, convinces the judgement that this is an extravagant use of school money. At the commencement of the spring term the Wallum Pond school was closed and the pupils transported to the South Douglas school. After carefully considering the saving in expense and the advantages gained, it was decided to extend this policy to other schools.

At the opening of the fall term of the schools the Wallum Pond and South Douglas schools were united with school No. 1, at Douglas Centre, resulting in a school of 34 pupils and a net saving of \$251.43 per annum. The West Douglas school No. 2, was united with school No. 7, with corresponding results in financial gain.

At the beginning of the winter term it was found expedient to extend this policy to schools Nos. 7 and 8 to give the pupils of these schools the advantages of the more comfortable, efficient graded schools enjoyed by the children of East Douglas,

and make a further saving of school money.

The table below shows the annual expense of each school for the school year ending March 1, 1898, and the average cost of instruction for each pupil in the different schools. The expense of repairs on buildings is not included.

School.	Grade.	Average Attendance.	Cost of Instruction	No. of Weeks.	Cost per Pupil.
1	Mixed.	14	\$376 81	35	\$26 92
2	do	12	301 49	35	25 12
3	Prim.	24	356 57	35	14 86
4	Mixed.	9	386 04	35	42 89
5	do	6	215 54	24	32 92
7	do	19	313 46	35	16 50
8	do	10	310 41	35	31 04
9	Prim.	23	355 11	35	15 44
9	Int.	35	407 40	35	11 64
10	Prim.	22	356 77	35	16 22
10	Int.	28	394 10	35	14 08
11	Kind.	27	393 10	35	14 56
	Gram.	30	513 42	35	17 11
	High.	27	999 96	40	37 04

To re-open and maintain the five schools now closed, 36 weeks, which is the length of our school year, not including the expense of books, supplies, and repairs of buildings, would amount to the aggregate sum of \$1,597.48. To transport these pupils to other schools affording better advantages, at the present rate of transportation, the full 36 weeks will cost \$1,071.00 making a net saving to the town of \$526.48.

Add to this the average annual cost for repairs and the net gain would exceed \$600.00. This saving in money is an item well worth consideration, but more important still is the fact that these children have been placed in schools where the advantages are superior to any possible to be had in schools of from 6 to 12 pupils. The healthful spirit of rivalry which is an important factor in school work is almost wholly lacking in schools where the numbers are small. This policy should be

pursued not only for the saving of school funds, but for the advantages the pupils derive from an educational point of view. There may be some objections to the system of conveying pupils, but they are largely overbalanced by the advantages gained. Most of the pupils living in these districts have been compelled to travel from three-fourths to one and one-half miles to school. By the transportation system a very large majority of these children are taken at their homes, while a comparatively small number are required to meet the teams at designated points on the main road.

A plan to gather all pupils from house to house is not feasible on account of time and expense, but the Committee have made such arrangements as are compatible with good judgment and the economical use of money. The growth of the policy of conveying pupils throughout the state is shown by the following table of statistics taken from the Annual Report of the Board of Education, 1896-97.

Table showing the Amount expended for transporting Children to School for the Past Nine Years.

Year.	Percentage Increase.	Sum Expended.	Year.	Percentage Increase.	Sum Expended.
1888-89	—	\$22,118 38	1893-94	.26	\$63,617 68
1889-90	.09	24,145 12	1894-95	.19	76,608 29
1890-91	.27	30,648 68	1895-96	.16	91,136 11
1891-92	.26	38,726 07	1896-97	.12	105,317 13
1892-93	.31	50,590 41			

The expenditure of money for the conveyance of pupils has come to be as legitimate as the expenditure for teacher's salaries. By an act of the legislature the school committee are required to include these expenses in the amount sworn to by them as raised by taxation for the support of schools. It is this certificate containing transportation expenses forwarded each year with the school returns to the Board of Education that furnishes the basis for the annual distribution of that half of the income of the school fund apportioned to the small towns of the state, whose valuation is less than three million dollars.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

Under the consolidation policy the committee have been able to reduce the number of schools in the town from fourteen to nine, and to accommodate all the pupils without crowding.

The school-house at Douglas Centre has been sheathed overhead, repainted inside and otherwise put in good condition, making a pleasant, comfortable school-room suitable to accommodate all the pupils of the combined district. The new school building was opened Jan. 2. All the school-rooms are light and pleasant, the ventilation and heating are good, and the arrangement of the building is excellent. Six of the rooms have been furnished with single adjustable desks which add to the comfort and good order of these schools. Experience has demonstrated that the school building is entirely suited to its purpose.

With these advantages, supplemented by the strenuous efforts of the committee in securing economy and efficiency, it can be reasonably expected that a more adequate return for the large amount of money annually appropriated for the support of schools will be the result.

ATTENDANCE.

Many irregularities continue to occur apparently, through the indifference and carelessness on the part of certain parents who do not seem to prize the school privileges and allow their children to remain at home for the most trivial reasons. This story of neglect is sadly told by the marks for tardiness and absence in the school registers. Irregular attendance, tardinesses and frequent dismissals all affect the progress of the whole school. It disorganizes the classes and increases the work of the teacher. Examination day arrives and the irregular attendant fails to pass. The parents are dissatisfied with the progress of the child and blame the teacher. Strenuous efforts have been made by the teachers to secure regular attendance and in many cases these efforts have been rewarded with good success, but the question of attendance is very largely in the hands of parents who should enforce a rigid devotion to duty by requiring regular and punctual attendance.

VISITATION OF SCHOOLS.

The registers containing the names of those who visit the schools during the year show that parents are not over enthusiastic in this respect. If parents could have a better acquaintance with the teachers and their work, and could realize more fully by personal observation the difficulties under which they labor, and the earnest effort being made by them in the interest of the children, we believe it would tend to lessen the cause for complaint and more cordial support would be given the schools. The registers show the number of visits made during the year.

Visits by School Committee,	-	-	131
Parents and others,	-	-	330

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

More attention should be given to exercises in physical training which is a valuable aid to the teacher as a means of securing order. Disorder is the result of misdirected energy. The energy of the child should not be checked. The energy is right, but it needs intelligent direction which is an important part in the process of education. The practice in physical exercises teaches posture, carriage and a proper use of limbs and muscles. It teaches how to sit, rise, stand and to walk correctly. It tends to correct deformity and strengthen the moral nature. Drill in marching is also an important factor in the orderly conduct of a school.

WRITING,

The progress made in vertical writing deserves special mention, especially in the lower grades. Because of the large amount of written work required in the higher grades there is danger of carelessness. If poor papers are rejected and required to be copied, it takes so much time from the next subject. On the other hand if poor papers are accepted few good ones will ever follow. If more time could be given to the same amount of composition, the result would be a benefit to both language and penmanship.

CONCLUSION.

We wish to express our hearty thanks to the teachers for

their co-operation and the faithful service which so fully characterizes their work.

To the janitor and truant officer we desire to express our appreciation for their valuable assistance in securing good order and attendance.

The following appropriations are recommended for the support of schools:

Schools, \$4,000: books and supplies, \$300: transporting pupils, \$1,000.

WM. W. BROWN,	}	Superintending Committee.
SOLOMON F. ROOT,		
CHAS. J. BATCHALLER,		



